

# CHINESE CURRENCY WORSENS

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The Hong Kong War Crimes Investigation Team have received confirmation of the death of Sgt. Maj. Kakei, who was a Japanese Gendarme in Hong Kong during the Occupation.

The death of Kakei took place on June 1 at the Koshu War Criminal Camp. Many men of Hong Kong will have good cause to remember this. Gendarme, who, during 1943 and 1944, was one of those responsible for torturing Chinese and European prisoners held at the Gendarmerie Headquarters which were in the Supreme Court. He was also known to those held in the Gendarmerie Block at Stanley Gaol.

## Japanese Found Hiding In Kowloon

A former Japanese serviceman was arrested by the police on Wednesday. He was found in a flat in Nanchang Street, Kowloon.

It is understood that he will be interned and repatriated to Japan.

The man was found living in a flat occupied by a 60-year-old Chinese woman and her 20-year-old daughter.

The women were taken to Police Headquarters for questioning but were later released.

The Japanese, said Chinese reports, is 42 years old and worked during the Japanese occupation at Kai Tak airfield. He has been in Hong Kong for the past six years.

### OVER AT LAST

Teterboro, N.J., Dec. 10. George W. Truman and Clifford V. Evans, Jr., landed at Teterboro airport at 10:14 a.m. EST today (Wednesday), completing in 122 days 23 hours 40 minutes their flight around the world in the smallest planes ever to attempt the trip.—United Press.

## ROYAL HONEYMOON TO END TOMORROW

London, Dec. 11. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip will end their Scottish honeymoon on Saturday and return to London by the night train in time for King George's 52nd birthday celebration on Sunday.

A party will be held at the Royal Lodge in Windsor Great Park.

It will be strictly a family affair, with only the King and Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother Mary and Princess Margaret present together with the Royal newly-weds.

The King has not observed a birthday without Elizabeth since her birth.

Elizabeth and Philip are expected to stay at the Royal

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## Point Of Complete Collapse Very Near Shanghai Brokers Cease Operating

Nanking, Dec. 11. Chinese inflation is rapidly approaching a point where the money is literally not worth the paper it is printed on.

The spokesman of the National Economic Committee, explaining the issue of bigger denomination banknotes by the Chinese Government, today said the measure was necessary because, at current prices, cost of printing each bank-note almost equals the face value of the note.

Furthermore, he said, the transportation cost of huge bundles of smaller denomination notes, most of which are airlifted, would not be much below the face value of the currency.

Mr. Lo Tung-sun, Secretary-General of the National Economic Committee, said it cost the government CN\$7,000 to print and issue each CN\$10,000 note.

He said the airlifting of even CN\$2,000,000 worth of CN\$10,000 notes cost CN\$100,000.

With CN\$5,000 or CN\$1,000 notes the freight charge was almost equal to the value of the charge.

One official said ruefully: "Well, at least we do not have to worry about counterfeiting. At current prices a counterfeiter would go broke."

**Shanghai Pressure**

In Shanghai, in the first

move to force down prices to curb speculation through "drastic measures," Shanghai's economic police

squad raided the Chinese Stock Security Exchange.

Police ordered all brokers who offered to buy at prices higher than sellers' prices were ordered to appear at the Police Bureau under charges of forcing up prices.

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**DEAD CHINESE RED DEPRECIATES IN CASH VALUE**

Nanking, Dec. 11. The Hsin Min Pao, in a Han-kow report, said the Ministry of National Defence had offered a cash reward of CN\$1,000,000 for Communist General Chen Keng taken alive and CN\$600,000 dollars for his dead body.

The Ministry at present still has a standing offer of CN\$1,000,000 on Liu Po-cheng's head and 500,000,000 dollars for his staff officers. — Associated Press.

**THE JAPS HAVE GOT IT NOW**

Tokyo, Dec. 11. A Kyodo dispatch from Fukushim, 125 miles north of Tokyo, said today that a policeman reports he and two companions in a truck saw "young women" on December 10 about 3:30 p.m.

The policeman describes it as one meter in diameter with an atmospheric tail. — Associated Press.

## All Britain Prepares For Future Blitz

London, Dec. 11. Every able-bodied man, woman and child in Britain will be trained in civil defence under a scheme announced by the Home Office last night to prepare for any future "Battle of Britain."

The proposals are contained in a memorandum circulated to the "municipal" authorities throughout Britain.

They take into consideration every kind of attack from aerial to atom bombs and biological warfare.

Specking the new civil defence forces will be a highly mobile and well-trained permanent force, available for duty



Ex-Empress  
Of Annam

## S. VIET NAM PRESIDENT AT "BAO DAI" TALKS Conference "Peace Prelude"

Saigon, Dec. 11.

The 24-hour meeting between Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, and M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner for Indo-China, aboard a French cruiser in the Gulf of Tonkin last Saturday and Sunday, was attended as observer by General Nouyen Van Zuan, President of the South Viet Nam Provisional Government.

The conference is now understood to have been a prelude to peace between France and Viet Nam. In an exclusive interview with Central News this morning, General Van Zuan declared that the South Viet Nam Government had recorded great satisfaction at the official interview.

The President of the South Viet Nam Provisional Government asserted that his Government would certainly give support to the former Emperor in future negotiations.

The following are the questions and answers put by Central News at the interview:

Question: What do you think of the Bollaert-Bao Dai interview?

Answer: It is a prelude to peace between France and Viet Nam. It is the first official meeting that will certainly end in tangible results. Therefore, the South Viet Nam Government records with satisfaction this official interview between the highest representative of France in Indo-China and Bao Dai, who is considered at present as the most qualified representative of Viet Nam. The most pressing task is to put an end to the present conflict. We are against Communist dictatorship. We are for Bao Dai, who democratically represents the majority in Viet Nam.

Question: What part will your government play in future negotiations?

Answer: Our Government will certainly contribute to the negotiations by giving former Emperor Bao Dai all our support.

What Part?

Question: Do you think that Ho Chi-minh will join Bao Dai?

Answer: Personally we exclude nobody. If he is a patriotic man, Ho Chi-minh will join Bao Dai. But owing to the position he has taken as a leader of the Third International in Viet Nam, we have little hope regarding his collaboration.

Question: Is there any hope of success for future negotiations?

Answer: We estimate that there are many chances that this time the negotiations will end with success. There has been sufficiently proved by the fact that the aspirations of Viet Nam are clear and precise and France has several times affirmed her aim of peace and desire to cooperate. We accept the presence of France as relative, a friend and a counsellor. This is why Viet Nam will take part in the French Union.

Meanwhile, an Associated Press despatch from Paris adds that the French High Command

said that French military operations in the past six weeks had destroyed the Viet Name

Third International regular army in Tonkin

China and disrupted its central command.

News dispatches from Indo-

China, summing up operations since October, said also that French troops now control all main points along the Chinese-Indo-Chinese frontier.

They refused to budge; contending

that the Hong Kong Government has no jurisdiction over that area.

The summons were served by

three Chinese Police sergeants, accompanied by two P.W.D. officials.

They affect some 2,000 men women

and children.

At a meeting last night representa-

tives of the 2,000 residents de-

signed to collect the summons and take them to Mr. T. W. Kwok, Chinese Special Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for

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A Royal Salute of 21 guns was fired by HMS "Adamant" yesterday in commemoration of the Accession of King George VI in 1936. All HM ships in harbour were dressed.

Morrison's  
Threat To  
The Press

London, Dec. 11.

The deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Herbert Morrison) warned editors and lobby correspondents last night to watch their step in reporting Parliamentary events.

He was introducing a motion in the Commons empowering the House to punish as it thinks fit the person or persons who paid money to a Member of Parliament to disclose Parliamentary secrets.

The motion, which was approved by 237 to 123, arose out of the case of two Members who sold stories about secret meetings of the Parliamentary Labour Party to anti-Government newspapers.

One Member was expelled and the other reprimanded.

Mr. Morrison said Parliament would not act against the journalists or editors in the two recent cases but was anxious that future the people who paid members money for such confidential information should not escape punishment.

"There is nothing vindictive about this and no wish to go for newspapermen, as such," he said, "but those incidents mean the lobby must mind its step."

"It must watch its members and their conduct and editors must mind their step too.—United Press.

ALLEN DEFENCE BEGINS — Pa 2

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## ALLEN TELLS HIS STORY IN BRIBE CASE

The trial of William Elijah Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, was featured by repeated "breezes" between Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Percy Chen, Counsel for Allen. His method of cross-examination and comments while opening the case for Allen, were strongly criticised by Mr. Justice Williams.

Lee Fu, a prosecution witness, whose evidence was termed by Mr. Chen "doubly unreliable" because he had traded his own liberty for the liberty of Allen, maintained that he was not subject to any compulsion or intimidation by the Police after being arrested.

Allen, Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong are facing trial on 25 counts of alleged conspiracy to obtain bribes and accepting bribes.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quin of Messrs. Bruton & Co., is appearing for Allen.

Man Kam-fat is represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada of Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist. Chui Hong is represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

#### "Intermediary"

Lee Fu said that he acted as intermediary between Allen and the stallholders.

He was asked by Wan Shing, holder of stall No. 26, to request Allen not to interfere with his stall.

Allen agreed on condition that money was paid. Wan Shing paid \$35 monthly to Allen.

Lee said that he also collected, on behalf of Allen, \$35 each month from Cheung Wan-kee, holder of stall No. 27.

Collections were made for five or six months, commencing from Jan. or Feb. 1947. The money was paid to Allen at his residence. Lee denied that he was subjected to any compulsion or intimidation while in police custody.

Cross-examined by Mr. Chen, Lee said he remembered an Inspector Foster being in charge of the Yaumati Market for a short time.

Allen said he told Pun Ping the carcasses had to be inspected in daylight.

He continued in the double capacity till Sept. 28, 1946, after which he was solely in charge of Markets.

**Pig Carcasses**

At about 10 p.m. on Aug. 8, he received information of two unstamped pig carcasses in the market. After inspecting them, he ordered them to be taken to the Slaughter House.

Shortly afterwards, he heard from Lam Po-wah, Slaughter House foreman, that Man Kam-fat's folk had come and asked for the return of the carcasses.

Allen said he told Pun Ping the carcasses had to be inspected in daylight.

He then returned to his quarters and examined the carcasses at 7 a.m. the next morning.

At 8 p.m. Pun Ping appeared and produced a receipt to show the pigs had been purchased in Un Long. Allen said he gave instructions for the carcasses to be stamped and returned to Pun Ping, who was warned against selling unstamped pork.

He tried to get the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon on the telephone, but could get no reply.

The fact that the carcasses of Pun Ping had been purchased in Un Long did weigh on his mind.

Lee denied that he was seized upon this opportunity to use Allen's name to demand money from stallholders. If he had not been ordered by Allen to collect money from stallholders, he would not have dared to do so.

#### "A Loan"

His salary was between \$110 and \$120 a month.

Apart from the money handed to Allen, he had some \$400 in his possession at his arrest. This was made up of receipts from a Money Loan Association which was drawn on Sept. 1, the day of his arrest, he said. The money had not been collected from stallholders.

He denied seeing a revolver in the hand of Det. Insp. Johnston at the Police Station or Remand Gaol.

On the way to Allen's residence in a taxi, he sat between two Police Officers, but they did not speak to him in an angry tone.

After reaching Allen's house, he handed over the money to Allen, telling him that it had been collected from stalls 26 and 27. He denied that Allen quailed the reason for the payment. He also denied that he was asked by Allen to take the money back.

Allen took the money, put it in his pocket and said: "O.K."

On conclusion of Mr. Chen's opening of the case for the defence of Allen, the latter was called upon to testify.

**Accused's Story**

Allen, who gave his age as 44, said he was working as Inspector in charge of the Kowloon Markets up to the time of his arrest on Sept. 1, 1947. He had been in Hong Kong since 1926.

On the outbreak of hostilities, he was mobilized in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and served until the surrender, when he was interned.

He was sent to Japan, where he worked in a coal mine for about 18 months. At the end of the war, he returned to England and came back to Hong Kong in Jan. 1946.

His Chinese was very bad when he came back to Hong Kong and,

he was interned in the Urban Council Chambers, Post Office Building, on Wed. 11th at 8 p.m. for 6.15 p.m. (8d.) R. A. EDWARDS, Corps Officer.

Police Ground, Kowloon Corps Squad.

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H.K.C.P.C. Ground, Central Div.

EQUIPMENT. The equipment store will be closed from Sat. 13th Dec. to Sat. 20th Dec. for the purpose of stock-taking. No issues will be made during this period.

NOTICES. A Senior Officer's meeting will be held in the Urban Council Chambers, Post Office Building, on Wed. 11th at 8 p.m. for 6.15 p.m. (8d.) R. A. EDWARDS, Corps Officer.

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# INLAND REVENUE DEPT. COLLECTS \$3½m. Property Tax Heads Returns With Over \$2m.

## Higher Fines For Errant Dogs

Because of the increase in the kind of offense, fines will be increased from the original \$10 to \$15 to \$18 and \$20 for walking dogs to wander in public places without muzzles and without licenses, Mr. Latimer said when he dealt with 50 "dog cases" at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mrs. A. Harris of No. 16, Granville Road, was fined \$15 for allowing her white chow dog to wander in a public thoroughfare without being either muzzled or on a lead. Natalia Ritchie of No. 178, Argyle Street, was similarly fined for the same offense.

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## All Money Confiscated In Korea

Seoul, Dec. 10. It was learned today that the Soviet-controlled North Korean Government last week confiscated all currency and closed all except nationally-owned stores throughout North Korea.

The Government returned 500 yen of new currency to each family head and 200 to others, but no exchange value for the new currency was announced, thereby creating economic chaos and forcing the entire country onto "fee economy."

The informants said Soviet and North Korean mounted troops located Pyongyang in order to enforce closure whereupon state-owned department stores and rice stores did hand-slide business—the latter selling only to members of the North Korean Labour Party who possessed Party ration cards.

Farmers tossed 100-yen notes in the streets during the nuclei. Those North Koreans lucky to have South Korean currency are expected to migrate to the south in order to purchase gold and silver for barter. It is estimated 2.1 milliard South Korean yen are currently in North Korea.—United Press.

"Persons in doubt are invited

## Statement By Anonymous Commissioner Letters Sent

More than three and a half million dollars had been collected up to Wednesday afternoon by the Inland Revenue Department, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue (Mr. Eric Pudney) disclosed at a press conference yesterday.

The sum is made up as follows:

Corporations Profits Tax (\$074,749,05), Business Profits Tax (\$92,817,20), Salaries and Annuities Tax (\$63,502,05), Interest Tax (\$125,745,22), and Property Tax (\$2,247,082,97).

Receipt of anonymous letters, some obviously designed for mischievous and clearly from disgruntled employees or jealous rivals, was also revealed by the Commissioner.

### Statement

A statement released by the Commissioner read in part:

"A certain amount of misunderstanding still appears to exist regarding the position of new business under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947."

"The position, in fact, is quite simple. Where a new business is set up within the year preceding the year of assessment, the liability for the year of assessment lies on the profits for one year from the date of commencement of business."

"Thus, if a business was set up on July 1, 1946, the liability to tax for 1947/48 is on the profits for the year ending June 30, 1947."

"If, for any reason, such a business did not find it convenient to close its annual accounts on June 30 but preferred to close them at the end of the Chinese year, the profits for the year to June 30, 1947 would be arrived at by taking the actual profits from July 1, 1946, to the close of the Chinese year, plus an apportionment of the profits for the Chinese year ending Feb. 9, 1946, in the Western calendar."

"Where a person commences business during the course of a year of assessment, his liability for that year of assessment is on the actual profits made from the date of commencement up to the end of the year of assessment, i.e., up to the 31st day of March next following."

"Thus, if a person commences business on Sept. 1, 1947, his liability to tax for 1947/48 is on the profits from Sept. 1, 1947 to March 31, 1948."

"These profits would be arrived at by apportioning the profits of his accounting period to Aug. 31, 1948, if he closes his accounts on any other date, by making the necessary apportionment to arrive at the figure representing the profits to March 31, 1948."

"Persons in doubt are invited

### CROWN ALLEGES:

## "Vast" Sums Spent On School "Entertainment"

John T. O. Wong continued evidence yesterday at Kowloon Magistracy at the hearing before Mr. Blair-Kerr of the case in which Leung Ngai-chi (60), headmaster, and Leung Mong (32), clerk, are charged with conspiring to falsify the accounts of the Young Tak Middle School with intention to defraud Man Mak-on, their co-partner.

First defendant is additionally charged on six counts of larceny of funds.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. Mr. P. J. Griffiths appeared for defendants.

Witness specified the items allegedly falsified, which were said to have been expended on the entertainment of a contractor, a landlord, Government departments and others.

Entertainment for the contractor included 12 minor items totalling \$76.50. There were 13 items (\$112.30) expended on the landlord.

Among the Government departments, "Education Department Expenses" totalled eight items (\$160).

One was lunch with Inspector of Schools Mr. Lo (\$25.20). Five items (\$86.80) were included in the Sanitary Department accounts, of which \$13.00 was recorded for inviting a Health Inspector for tea. The P.W.D. had four items.

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1948, at 5.30 P.M.

The Honourable Mr. A. Morse  
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the Meeting is to revive the  
above Society and to do all such  
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Reconstruction of Register of  
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Woodcraft Works, Limited  
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pany") has applied to the  
Registrar of Companies for leave  
to reconstruct its Register of  
Members, under Section 12 (1) of the  
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# CUNNINGHAM GIVES WARNING

## Britain To Keep Order In Palestine

### Severe Measures Threatened

Jerusalem, Dec. 10. Faced with the difficult task of maintaining law and order in Palestine with a diminishing British garrison, Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, announced today the adoption of "severe measures" if the present inter-racial strife continued. The warning was issued almost simultaneously with reports that nine Jews and at least six Arabs had been killed in renewed fighting in Palestine today.

The threatened British measures would, according to informed quarters here, include rigorous application of defence emergency laws, including the death penalty for carrying, or using, firearms, possible country-wide restrictions of road traffic and imposition of curfews in strife-torn areas.

Sir Alan Cunningham called on Arab and Jewish leaders to co-operate.

The High Commissioner's communiqué stated that the British Government had made it clear that so long as the mandate for Palestine remained in force the Palestine Administration would discharge its duty of maintaining law and order in the Holy Land.

In nine days of Arab-Jewish strife there had been a grievous loss of life and extensive damage to property.

#### No Action

Warning that disorders must cease "before further suffering and loss," Sir Alan called on Arabs and Jews to co-operate.

If the disorders continued, he would have no option but to direct the security forces to adopt severe measures against all those Jews and Arabs alike, who were breaking the law.

Meanwhile, the Emir Ismail Suleiman, head of the Ismaelite section in Syria, has informed the Syrian Government that the Aga Khan, supreme head of the Ismaelites, had declared that he would contribute £30,000,000 for the "redemption" of Palestine, the Damascus correspondent of the Near East Arab broadcasting station said tonight.

If the United Nations decision did not deviate from its present decision to partition Palestine, the Aga Khan, according to the Emir Ismail, as quoted by the correspondent, said: "He would buy all Palestine and give it back to the Arabs."

#### Prison Break

Under a rain of shots from a sentry 18 Arab prisoners climbed over the eastern wall of Akro prison in north Palestine today and escaped.

The Arabs escaped by sawing through the bars of their cells, tying up a warden and descending into the Arab market below the prison wall by means of smuggled rope.

Eighty Jewish prisoners were tonight taken from Akro to Jerusalem.

A British dispatch rider was killed and another wounded by shots fired in Haifa today. It was also reported that a Spanish priest was shot and wounded in the stomach by an unknown gunman while standing on the roof of the Salesian school in Haifa.

#### Secret Meeting

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### ARAB BOYCOTT OF JEWISH GOODS?

Havana, Dec. 10. Questions on a possible Arab boycott of Jewish goods were put today to the Secretary of the World Trade Conference, Mr. Wyndham White, who replied that trade boycotts for political reasons were a matter for the United Nations.

They would not come within the scope of the proposed International Trade organisations, he said.—Reuter.

### Spectacular Comet Display

Capetown, Dec. 11.

The comet Honda, streaking across the southern sky in a display more spectacular than anything since Halley's comet, signalled the end of the World today to thousands of Orange Free State natives at Harrismith.

The natives spent all last night and this morning chanting at prayer meetings.

The comet Honda, named after the Japanese astronomer who discovered it, first appeared at 1900 GMT.

It entered the constellation Triangulum, which it should leave tonight, its brilliant train sweeps far from it and thousands of South Africans enjoyed its brilliant appearance.—United Press.

### Dutch Reject Proposals

Aboard USS Renville, Batavia Bay Dec. 11.

The Dutch delegation today rejected the plan drawn up by the three-power United Nations Commission for ending the war in Java and submitted a plan of its own.

A communiqué issued after the business session of the Commission's meeting with the Dutch and Indonesian delegations said, however, that the Dutch requested further discussions and clarifications of the United Nations plan.

The Indonesians said they would accept the "new plan," whose details were not announced.

Authoritative circles said, however, that it called for various withdrawals of both Indonesian and Dutch forces from disputed territory in Indonesia in order to make clearer demarcation lines.—United Press.

### JAP EXECUTED IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Takatshi Takiochi, a former intelligence officer in the Japanese gendarmerie in Shanghai, was executed here yesterday afternoon for the murder of a number of Chinese underground workers and civilians.—Reuter.

### First Session Of French Union

Paris, Dec. 10.

M. Vincent Auriol, President of the French Republic, opened the first session of the Assembly of the French Union at the Palace of Versailles this afternoon.

The French Union is the name given under the constitution of the Fourth Republic to France and her overseas territories and protectorates.

The Assembly has 150 members, comprising 75 for France and 75 for overseas areas but the full number was not present today.

Fighting in Madagascar between insurgents and French troops has prevented the holding of elections there and the Algerian members have not been nominated yet.

The High Council of the French Union, which has not yet been formed, will act as a kind of upper house to the Assembly of the Union.—Reuter.

### Mystery Man's Forecast

Adelaide, Dec. 10.

Before the year 2,000 AD, there will be "another comet, the most destructive of all wars and the end of the world," according to Mr. Ahmar Gala Singh, an Indian claiming to be 114 years old.

He has been described by Mr. George Dowdell, the Australian Government astronomer, as "a great and mysterious man with a marvellous ability to foretell future events."

Mr. Dowdell confirmed today that a fortnight ago, Mr. Singh had predicted the appearance of the new comet seen flashing across the Southern heavens during the last few days.

Mr. Singh made another prophecy today that "seven sun spots—the centre one colossal—will be visible in this area two minutes after midnight on Christmas Day."

"People in England laughed when I predicted in 1882 that a great comet would appear in six months. Many committed suicide when the great comet did not appear," Mr. Singh declared.

Mr. Singh said that "supernatural influences" had brought him from Melbourne weeks ago.

The comet of 1882 was unusually bright, and was clearly seen by daylight. Calculations made at the time determined that it would appear about every 700 years.—Reuter.

### Mr. Shinwell Disturbed

London, Dec. 11.

The Minister of War, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell (Labour) in the House of Commons today said that the solid fuel available to the army is not sufficient to maintain the standard of heating of barrack rooms which is necessary.

It was only right, in the present circumstances that the army should exercise the greatest possible economies in consumption as all other users of fuel.

Mr. A. L. Symonds (Labour) asked whether the Minister was aware that in one camp there was no heat at all in the huts during the recent cold spell.

Mr. Shinwell replied that he was disturbed about the facts at certain camps.—Reuter.

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# SOVIET RATIONING TO GO? Buying Wave In Russia

Moscow, Dec. 10. A member of the Politburo has announced that conditions have been created for "abolition during this year of rationing in the Soviet Union." He linked this with price revision. The announcement was carried in a report by George Malenkov on the September Communist conference in Poland at which the Communist Information Bureau (Cominform) was created. Malenkov's statement, published in Pravda today was the first statement in the Soviet press for months on plans to end rationing.

Russia took it to mean that their ration cards would be gone before the end of the year.

Malenkov said, "The Soviet state has already carried out a series of measures for abolishing multiplicity of prices with the purpose of preparation for the end of rationing." He did not say what this series of measures was. He implied they would be announced when rationing ends.

## Buying Wave

The Stockholm newspaper Morgen Tidningen published a despatch saying rumours of an impending end of rationing and a simultaneous exchange of paper money touched off a tremendous buying wave in Russia in the last days of November.

Birger Lundberg, the paper's Moscow correspondent, said the purchase panic began on Nov. 29 when the more well-to-do Moscow residents stormed jewelry and fur shops, and Moscow's biggest department store.

Lundberg wrote, "They bought all they could get, valables, fur coats, pianos, furniture. There are people who spent hundreds of thousands of roubles in one move who are still anxiously asking what they should do with hoarded rouble packs at home."

## Foreign Agents

He said that as supplies of luxury shops, stores and warehouses began to melt away, people became interested in food, vodka, caviar, fruit and all other choice commodities disappeared. Farmers withheld perishables from the market, sending eggs, butter and meat still higher.

Lundberg commented, "It was a remarkable spectacle to witness how mere rumour from month to month would create a panic unequalled in the 30-year history of the Revolution" and

## Goebbel's Plan For Fashions

NUREMBERG, Dec. 10. GERMAN CHIEF CIVIL SERVANTS QUARRELED OVER WHETHER BERLIN OR PARIS SHOULD BE THE WORLD'S FASHION CENTRE WHEN PARIS FELL IN 1940. IT WAS REVEALED DURING THE TRIAL OF HIGH NAZI CIVIL SERVANTS HERE TODAY.

Otto Abetz, former German Ambassador in Paris, sent a memorandum to his chiefs in December 1940 in which he opposed a scheme by Goebbel to destroy the French fashion industry and to make Berlin the main centre, it was stated.

Abetz said that France would have to give up its heavy industry as the "future part of the German Reich" but should not have to give up the fashion industry.

But he proposed that France should not be allowed to export fashion creations, thus protecting German fashion houses. Abetz was then ordered to requisition new Paris creations. Consequently many French dress designers emigrated to New York. —Reuter.

## Search For U.S. Plane

Athens, Dec. 10. A nationwide search in Greece for a United States military plane with four occupants missing on a flight from Rome to Athens was suspended at nightfall today and will be resumed tomorrow.

The last radio message received from the plane yesterday, picked up by another plane in flight, said the crew and one passenger were bailing out as they had run into a storm. The plane had circled over Athens several times but could not land with the bad visibility.

Moscow, Dec. 10. Lloyds shipping intelligence reported from Antwerp today that the Swedish motor vessel, Elsoreto (2,465 tons), had returned there today under its own power, contrary to first information that the vessel had run aground.

London, Dec. 10. She was damaged slightly and was being repaired. —Reuter.

## NO KASHMIR SOLUTION REACHED

Lahore, Dec. 11. Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India and Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, discussed the Kashmir question at a conference here late last night, but it is believed that they found no agreed solution to the problem. —Reuter.

## Accord Reached In Moscow

LONDON, DEC. 10. BRITAIN AND RUSSIA WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE REACHED TODAY AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF BRITISH MACHINERY FOR SOVIET WHEAT AND TIMBER.

A high Government source said that Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, was scheduled to leave Moscow by plane today to return to London, leaving behind a team of experts to work out quantities and other details of the agreement.

The source said that Mr. Wilson in his reports to London indicated that no snags or difficulties had arisen in his trade talks with the Soviet Trade Minister, A. J. Mikoyan. Mr. Wilson flew to Moscow a week ago. —United Press.

## Germs Greatest War Threat

Los Angeles, Dec. 10. A germ weapon and not an atomic conflict is the great threat of any future war, warned Dr. Arthur Compton, noted scientist and Nobel prize winner.

He said he did not consider the atomic bomb alone was enough to win a war yet, "because in order to win you have still got to occupy a country."

Dr. Compton said in another decade bombs might be improved to a point where enemy countries could be blanketed with atomic warheads making occupation unnecessary.

He said a war of germs could be more horrible than atomic warfare because germ weapons aim at wiping out all life whereas atomic weapons are primarily intended to destroy property.

Dr. Compton was chairman of the department of physics at the University of Chicago when the first chain reaction nuclear fission was produced there. —United Press.

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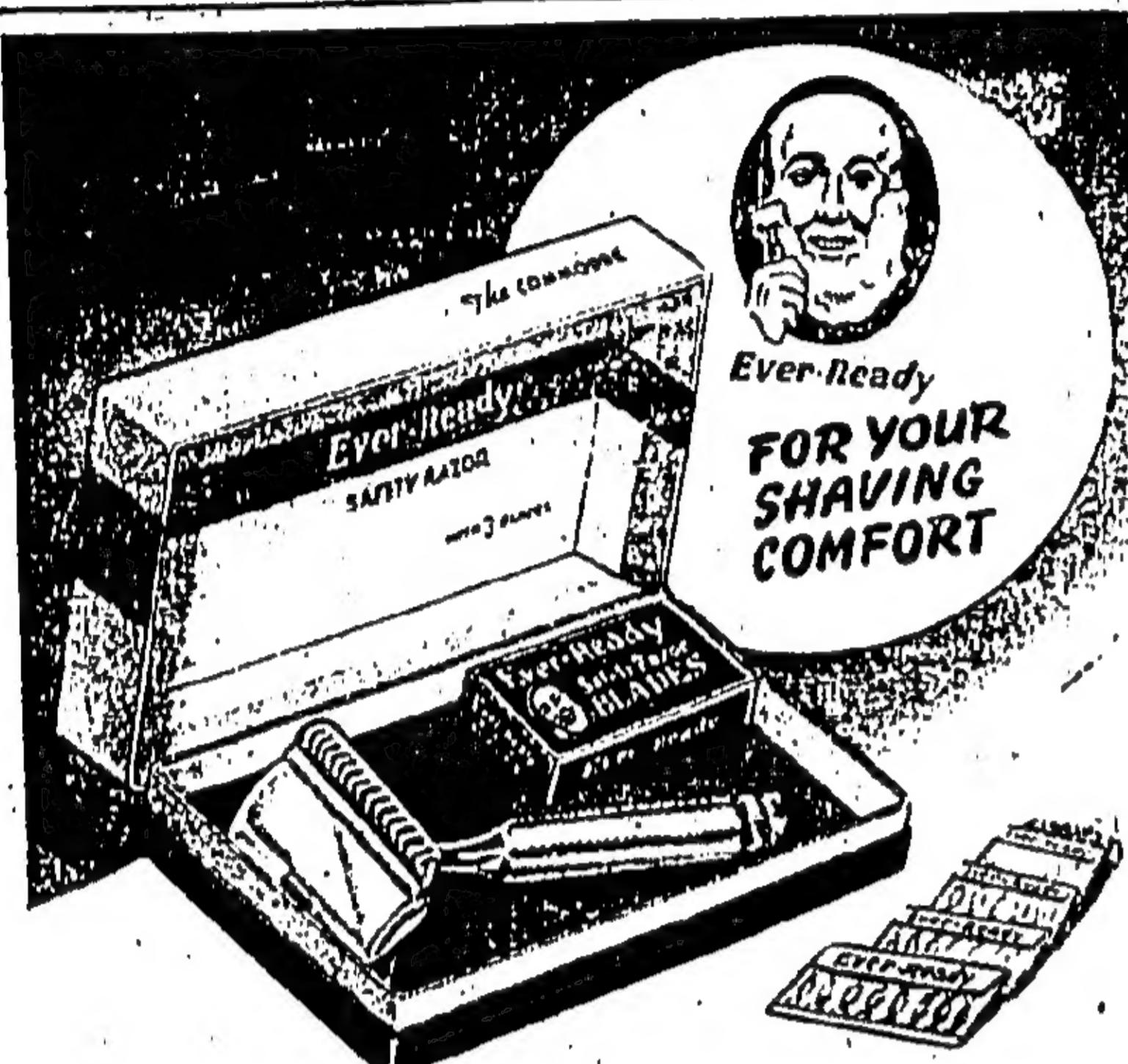
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## RISE IN PRICES FORECAST Chinese Distrust Of The Currency Nanking Policy Attacked

Neutral economic experts said today that prices throughout China would increase steadily during the remainder of the year, despite the Government's stern measures against black market activities, and would "shoot up alarmingly" in the Chinese New Year unless cavities of inflation are promptly dealt with.

Half-way measures now in force or contemplated are having only a slowing effect on the country's economy. They said the Government must cut military appropriations sharply, revise export and import regulations, improve business and institute tax reforms hitting the rich as well as ordinary

prices and "missed attempts to reach a favourable export and import balance."

### No Help

Economic experts said that a 20 to 30 percent commodity price increase throughout China yesterday with the issuance of CN\$100,000 dollars bills is the best indication that businessmen distrust the currency, and the expected announcement soon of a CN\$40,000,000,000 budget is "not going to help much."

Workers are hardest hit in the current price jumps, with commodity prices, except in a few cases of price controls, reflecting the black market dollar price around CN\$140,000, while paid a cost of living index approximately 50,000 times the pre-war costs. The economic experts said that unless the cost of living index in Shanghai takes a major jump on the first of the year the workers will suffer undue hardships.

The price of white rice reached CN\$950,000 per picul (110 pounds), while the stock market situation is reflected in the price of Wing On textiles which found few, if any, buyers at the record price of 432, holders of Wing On shares preferring to hold stocks instead of currency.

Economic observers predicted that the Chinese New Year probably would be following by alarming price increase unless the Government in the next six weeks brings expenditures in line with its income, which they said could only be done through the cutting of military expenditures—and this, they said, is virtually impossible because of the growing Communist threat.

### Bank Loans

The economic experts also pointed out such instances in Shanghai as the fish markets' boycott of UNRRA fishing catches, as one of the best examples of difficulties besetting the Government. One faction controlling the fish market refused to help UNRRA catches landing because it would force fish prices down, while other Government factions are seeking any sort of means to force prices down.

In Nanking, meanwhile, the Government Information Director, Hollington Tong, said that banks would grant loans to business and industrial firms once again "when comparative stability is achieved in the market." The Shanghai Chamber of Commerce petitioned the Government asking for resumption of loans to bona fide business and industrial firms, on the ground that the Government refusal, which is stifling local business activities, is contributing to the inflationary trend.

Tong said, "It has been the constant policy of the National banks to promote commerce and industry. Recently they were instructed by the Government to suspend loans to business firms as a temporary measure necessitated by the sharp rise of commodity prices."—United Press.

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It was hoped that omnibus and tramcar services would be running normally by this evening.

Miners in the Lille area were

opposed by strikers, who still wanted to stay out and pickets prevented those who wanted to return to work from entering the pits at Sallies mines.

Paris housewives had enough

gas pressure for cooking, water

pressure was back and work to

clean the boulevards and streets

of heaps of rubbish was started.

**Premier's Broadcast**

The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, told the French people in a broadcast tonight: "The last strikes are drawing to a close today. Work starts again. The country breathes once more."

The only victory of which the

Government hoped one day to be

made, M. Schuman continued,

"is the victory over many, in

justice and exploitation of dis-

trress."



M. Robert Schuman, Premier of France, under whose firm leadership the Communist-inspired strikes have been broken. (AP Photo)

## FRENCH STRIKES DRAW TO A CLOSE

Paris, Dec. 10. Most of France's 1,000,000 strikers resumed work today after an absence of three weeks, but the Executive Committee of the General Confederation of Labour announced at midday that it would continue to fight for the "release of imprisoned strikers" and the abrogation of the Government's anti-strike law.

The Confederation yesterday ordered the strikers back to work after the Government's warning of sterner measures if there is not a big scale return today.

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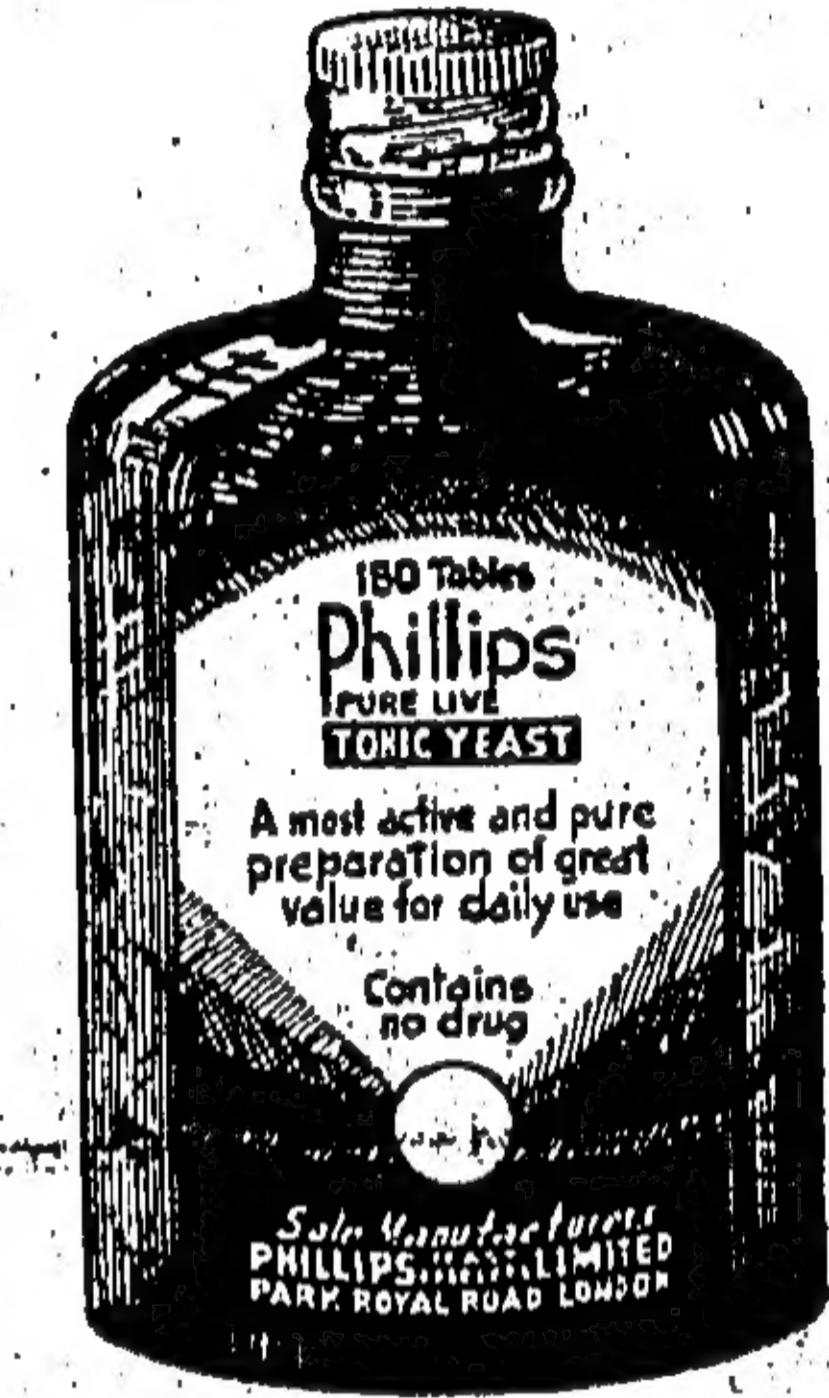
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# MARSHALL ON THE ATTACK

## Bid For Showdown On Reparations

### Red Withdrawals From Germany

#### NO HELP FOR SATELLITES

Washington, Dec. 10. The House of Representatives tonight voted by 78 to 37 to vote to halt all help under the interim aid bill to any country whose government falls under the domination of Russia or the Communists.

The House also approved by 109 votes to 37 an amendment to require anti-Communist affidavits from individuals or recipient countries who would distribute the aid supplies.—Reuter.

#### Asiatic Peoples Confab

LONDON, DEC. 10. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF LONDON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASIATIC AND AFRICAN PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS IS TO BE FORMED IN LONDON TO PREPARE FOR A "CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN, ASIATIC AND AFRICAN PEOPLES," TO BE HELD IN MILAN EARLY NEXT YEAR.

The Committee will include members from the Socialist Party of India, the Indo-Chinese Vietnam Movement and the Pan-African League.

Its formation was decided on at a meeting last night between representatives of these movements and the French and British members of the "United Socialist States of Europe Movement" which originated the plan for the Milan Conference.

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London, Dec. 10. Marshall declared last night that the Soviet Union was taking US. \$500,000,000 annually in German assets out of the Russian occupied zone and demanded that such withdrawals cease within three weeks. Launching his first offensive in the Council of Foreign Ministers, Marshall made a bid for a showdown on the issue of reparations which may make or break the present conference within a matter of days.

In reference to the Soviet demand for US.\$10,000,000,000 in reparations from Germany out of current production, Marshall said: "I wish it to be clearly understood that the United States is not prepared to agree to any programme of reparations from current production as a price for the unification of Germany."

He said that while the United States and Britain are pouring US.\$700,000,000 annually into Germany "to keep the Germans alive," the Russians in their zone were steadily draining away German assets. He added: "Also in that area German businesses, through one device or another, are being brought under Soviet ownership and placed in a gigantic Soviet trust."

#### At Once

"Thus, in effect, much of the German economy operates for the Soviet account. Also much German manpower is being taken out of productive effort, either through forcible seizure or under the colour of contracts which are imposed."

"This is a situation which needs to be corrected at once. Correction cannot be delayed for a decision at some indefinite future time. Before then, German economy most probably would be so wrecked that its dead weight would drag down and submerge the economy of all Europe."

He then submitted a request to the Council to rule that from next Jan. 1 "nothing shall be taken out of Germany except for a fair economic value in money or goods which can be immediately used to sustain the German economy."

"This decision shall stand until further action by the Council, or pursuant to a peace treaty, but shall not apply to agreed reparations deliveries in capital goods."

#### Soviet Answer

Conference sources said that the Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov said he would answer Marshall's charges when "reparations" come up on the agenda, possibly on Thursday.

There were strong indications that the American position is that unless the Soviet Union drops its reparations claims from current production and "firm" agreements are achieved on economic principles, there is little use in going on with the present meeting.

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**"VAN HEUTSZ"** Belawan Dell, Singapore 13th Dec. Sailing for Swatow & Amoy Singapore, Penang & Belawan Dell 21st Dec.

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**Agents** **HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE**  
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From	Date	Vessel
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FRESH LOAN WITHDRAWAL  
May Last Until End Of February  
Gap In Dollar Supplies

Washington, Dec. 10. The Treasury announced today that Britain has withdrawn \$100,000,000 from the remaining \$400,000,000 of the United States loan to Britain.

It is the first time that Britain has benefited from this loan since convertibility was suspended in the middle of last August.

British officials declined to give any estimate as to the future rate of such withdrawals, but they expressed the view that it is hoped the loan will last until the end of next February.

British officials stressed, however, that to-day's withdrawal would mean no change whatever in Britain's present dollar-purchasing schedule and that it was intended merely to maintain the strict austerity level of living.

The withdrawal coincided with a dispatch from Mr. Joseph Alsop, the New York Herald Tribune columnist, which claimed that the visit of Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador in London, to Washington last month, was directly concerned with the problem of the loan's unfreezing.

Mr. Alsop said that one of the British Government's expedients in seeking to bridge the gap in dollar supplies would "probably involve mortgaging the few remaining dollar securities which Britain holds."

If Britain's reserves in hard assets fall below \$2,000,000,000, there would be "an acute danger of a run on the Bank of England and the present sterling area would fall to pieces and normal trade would cease," Mr. Alsop said.—Reuter.

## Money Market

Gold dropped heavily to \$308 a troy yesterday shortly after opening at \$314.50. The market was still weak when it closed at \$308.75.

Platinum also dropped. Opening at \$11.05, it rose to \$11.40 at the close.

Chinese National Currency recovered after the previous day's setback. Futures opened at 34 cts, and closed at 34 1/4 cents for CN\$10,000. Spot opened at 35 cts, and closed at 34 1/2 cts.

U.S. dollars were "quiet" at 35.07. Sterling spurted to \$13.27. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.51.

In Shanghai, yesterday (says Reuter) open market rates were unchanged at CN\$72,000 (buyers) and CN\$74,000 (sellers) for U.S. dollar, and CN\$222,000 (buyers) and CN\$228,000 (sellers) for Sterling.

## NEW YORK SILVER &amp; GOLD

New York, Dec. 10. Silver, Bar (asked price) 74 1/2 ct. Bar Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35. (N.Y. unofficial) \$43 nom.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1947.

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1947.

Notice to Consignees

S.S. "MYRMIDON"

Damaged cargo on the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 16th December, 1947, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th December, 1947 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th December, 1947, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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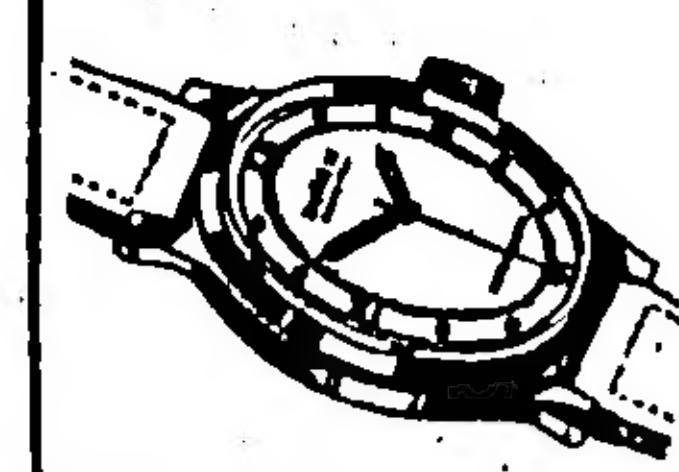
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**New Plans  
For Amateur  
Swimming**

The Victoria Recreation Club convened a meeting on Wednesday to discuss the formation of an Amateur Swimming Association in Hong Kong.

The Chairman of the V.R.C., the Hon. A. Morse, C.B.E., presided and all interested clubs as well as the Services were represented.

Agreement was reached on certain broad principles. It is hoped that another meeting will be convened in the near future to study proposals which may be submitted by interested parties in the meantime.

## RAF Beat Signals At Cricket

In a cricket match played between the R.A.F. (Kai Tak) and K. Signal Squadron the former won by 4 wickets.

SIGNALS

	M.	M.	R.	W.
Dean, I. b. Marso... Dunn, b. Hodgson	1	2	1	14
Griffiths, c. Hodgson, b. Marso... Cockerill, not out	2	2	1	21
Parker, b. Marso... Withers, run out	4	2	3	6
Faleus, c. Hodgson, b. Owen	3	0	0	9
Extras	16			
Total (for 6 declared)	66			
M. M. R. W.				
10. Owen 8 2 1 14				
11. Hodson 8 2 1 21				
12. Marso... 4 2 3 6				
13. Wilson 3 0 0 9				
14. Extras 16				
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16. Cockerill 6 2 0 17				
17. Ford 1 0 0 6				

## Sport Here And There

**BOWLS**

The semi-final of the Open Bowls will be played at Kowloon Cricket Club tomorrow at 2.30 p.m.

The draw resulted as follows:

C. Dowman, H.F. Shields, S. Randle, A.J. Hall (skip); v. J.M. Onor, A.M. Onor, K.M. Omar, U.M. Onor (skip).

J.W. Leonard, M.I. Razack, L.C.R. Sozzi, B.W. Bradbury (skip); v. R.P. Phillips, E.F. Pope, L.G. Coombes, J. McElvile (skip).

The final will be played the following day either at K.C.C. or K.B.G.C.

The Association's closing day will take place at K.B.G.C. on Jan. 2, 1948 at 2.30 p.m. with a draw between Hong Kong and Kowloon, six rinks each side.

A representative from each Club in Hong Kong and Kowloon will meet at H.K.C.C. and K.B.G.C. respectively on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 5.45 p.m. to select their respective teams and Captains.

Captains should notify the Secretary immediately the teams are chosen.

A charge of \$3.00 per player will be made to cover the cost of souvenirs.

Presentation of prizes will be made after the game.

**QUADRANGULAR**

In the first round of the Quadrangular Tournament the Army will meet the R.A.F. and Police. The game will take place on the Sookunpoo Ground tomorrow, commencing at 3.15 p.m.

The following will represent the Army:

Lt. Woolnough, R.E.; Lt. De Rome, G. Howards; Capt. Henderson, R.A.; Lt. Penrose, R.A.

Lt. Moore, Innisks, R.A.; Lt. Symes, Innisks; Lt. Pigott, Buffs; A. N. O'Brien, Lt. Nash, Buffs; Capt. Stevens, Innisks; Gnr. Brookes, R.A.; Lt. Parkes, Innisks; Lt. Bruce, R.A.; Lt. Doherty, Innisks, Lt. Ferrier, R.A.

Reserves: Lt. La Rock, De Somers, Buffs; L. Dr. Isbulla, R.A.; Gnr. Bett, R.A.

The following have been chosen to represent the R.A.F. and Police for their game against W.D. Chinese tomorrow at the Happy Valley Ground. Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Perry, Watt, Smith, Berry, Brown, Williams, Clark, Harrison, Donisthorpe, Dauich.

**CRICKET**

An Intra Club Cricket match will be played at H.K.C.C. tomorrow:

Under 35:—L. D. Kilbue (Capt.), R. H. Hughes, M. M. Little, G. Barclay, O. J. Kerr, A. P. Raynor, E. F. Ged, D. S. Odell, R. Evans, Thomas, M. Harriman and A. E. V. Brown.

Over 35:—H. Owen, Hughes (Capt.), T. A. Pearce, J. E. Richardson, F. Howarth, L. F. Stokes, H. N. Bardell, A. L. Snaith, A. Graham, G. A. Stewart, M. F. L. Haynes and W. Stoker.

The following will represent Club de Recreio against University Cricket Club on Saturday, at King's Parks:

A. M. Prata (Capt.), Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Perreira, Jr., P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, D. M. Rodrigues, L. A. Almeida Remedios, A. Osmundo, A. E. Noronha.

Crangewower Cricket Club teams for the weekend:—

Saturday vs. H.M.S. Tamar:—Home ground at 4.30 p.m.;—C. W. Lim (Capt.), H. Hong Choy, H.P. Lim, T.E. Yoch, E.A. Lee, H.H. Ismail, R.B. Irani, P.J. Billimoria, I.M. Omar, L. Wong, S. Ramchand, Reserves:—Peter Esnall, A. Kurunaru.

Sunday vs. Naval Dockyard:—Home ground at 11.30 a.m. Whole day match:—S. Ramchand (Capt.), H.P. Lim, P.J. Billimoria, R.R. Irani, A.H. Ismail, R.O. Baker, C.S. Carr, Lloyd Wong, J. Leonard, A. Kurunaru, P. Esnall.

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